

**REMARKS**

Claims 15-24 and 27-34 are pending in the present application, claims 25-26 and 35 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer herein. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Office Action requires Applicant to elect one of the three listed species (A, B, or C) for examination at this time. Applicant hereby elects species B: claims 15-24 and 27-34 for examination. Applicant has cancelled claims 25-26 and 35 as being directed to a non-elected species without prejudice or disclaimer of Applicant's right to resubmit the claims in one or more divisional applications.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

Respectfully submitted,

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